

**SEAHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**



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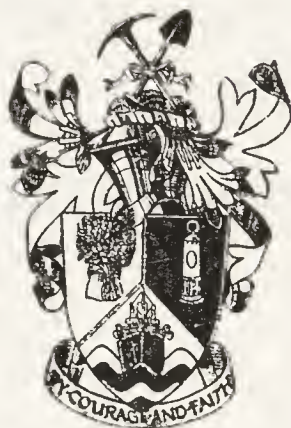
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To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.  
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,


I have pleasure in submitting to you the Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Seaham Urban District for the year 1965.

The work undertaken by the department is described in the various sections. That relating to activities of the inspectorial staff has been compiled by the Senior Public Health Inspector and contributions from the Engineer and Surveyor have been included.

Generally speaking the health of the population has been good and there has been no significant difference between statistics in Seaham and those of similar districts in England and Wales. There has, however, been a further decline in the birth rate and a rise in the death rate, suggesting that the migration of the younger element to more lucrative and attractive employment may still be in progress.

Perusal of that section dealing with the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act will show the considerable amount of extra work devolving on the department. Even so, food hygiene has not been neglected and no cases of food poisoning were notified during the year. There were, however, twenty-one sporadic cases of dysentery, but with the co-operation of general practitioners and public health laboratory these were quickly traced and all contacts checked. Bearing in mind that all cases of dysentery result from an elementary lack of hygiene it is obvious that constant vigilance is required.

May I again express my thanks to the members and officials of the Council for their continued support and to the staff of the Health Department for their willing co-operation throughout the year.



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## SECTION I

### STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres — 2,469.

Registrar General's Estimate of resident population, mid 1965—  
25,470

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1965) according to the Rate  
Books—8,102.

Rateable Value—£569,177.

Sum represented by a penny rate—£2,140.

## SECTION II

### VITAL STATISTICS

#### LIVE BIRTHS

					Total.	Male.	Female.
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	421	222	199
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	27	17	10
Total	...	...	...	...	448	239	209

#### Birth Rates—

Legitimate ... 16.52 per 1,000 estimated resident population.

Illegitimate ... 1.06                   "                   "                   "

Total ... 17.58                   "                   "                   "

#### STILL BIRTHS

					Total.	Male.	Female.
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	7	2	5
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Total	...	...	...	...	7	2	5

Still-birth Rate—15.38 per 1,000 live and still births.

#### DEATHS

					Total.	Male.	Female.
Death Rate	...	...	...	...	305	162	143

11.97 per 1,000 estimated resident population.

#### DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES

	Deaths.	Rate (per 1,000 live and still births)
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion ...	0	NIL.

## INFANT MORTALITY

	Total.	Male.	Female.
Deaths of Infants under 1 year ...	9	3	6
Infant Mortality Rate—20.08 per 1,000 live births.			

## NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

	Total	Male	Female.
Deaths of infants under one month ...	8	3	5
Neo-natal Mortality Rate—17.85 per 1,000 live births.			

## CAUSES OF DEATH OF INFANTS

Age	Sex	Cause
25 minutes	M	Prematurity.
2 hours	F	Prematurity.
4 hours	M	Intra Uterine Anoxia—Prematurity.
6 hours	M	Atelectasis.
1 day	F	Prematurity.
2 days	F	Respiratory Distress Syndrome.
2 days	F	Prematurity.
1 week	F	Acute Broncho Pneumonia.
5 months	F	Bronchitis.

Mortality of Legitimate Infants — 21.37 per 1,000 legitimate live births.

Mortality of Illegitimate Infants—NIL per 1,000 illegitimate live births.

The causes of the greatest mortality during 1965 were :

Cardio-Vascular Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	165
Cancer	...	...	...	...	...	44
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	25
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	25
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	20
Accidental Deaths (inc. Motor Vehicle Accidents)	...	...	...	...	...	11

## DEATHS DUE TO CANCER OF THE LUNG

Age (years)						Male	Female.
15-24	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
25-34	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
35-44	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
45-54	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
55-64	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
65-74	...	...	...	...	...	3	—
75 and over	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
TOTALS	...	...	...	...	...	7	1

**BIRTH RATES AND DEATH RATES IN THE YEAR 1965.**  
**England & Wales and Seaham**

	Rate per 1,000 Population	Rate per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births	Rate per 1,000 Population	Rate per 1,000 Related Live Births	Rate per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births	Rate per 1,000 Related Live Births	Rate per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births
	Live Births	Still- Births	Deaths (all ages)	Deaths under 1 year	Maternal Deaths	Deaths under 1 mth.	Perinatal Mortality
England and Wales ...	18.1	15.7	11.5	19.0	0.25	13.1	26.9
Seaham ... ..	17.58	15.38	11.97	20.08	Nil.	17.85	35.1

**CORRECTED NOTIFICATIONS AND CASE RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION OF CERTAIN INFECTIOUS  
DISEASES IN THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1965**

	Quarter	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Typhoid fever	Para- typhoid fever	Acute pneumonia (primary or influenzal)	Dysentery	Acute Poliomyelitis		Food poisoning	Tuberculosis		
								Paralytic	Non- paralytic		Respiratory	Meninges and C.N.S.	Other
England and Wales	First	9,750	18	15	32	3,355	6,648	5	2	579	3,556	39	570
	Second	7,045	6	25	43	1,952	7,687	3	4	1,378	3,566	39	611
	Third	3,665	2	60	708	945	5,158	41	30	1,423	3,204	38	668
	Fourth	6,265	—	36	49	1,728	6,682	6	—	1,622	3,226	30	555
Total		26,725	26	136	832	7,980	27,175	55	36	5,002	13,552	146	2,404
Case Rate		0.559	0.0005	0.002	0.017	0.167	0.568	0.0011	0.0007	0.104	0.283	0.003	0.050
Seaham	First	—	—	—	—	3	13	—	—	—	2	—	—
	Second	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
	Third	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	3	—	—
	Fourth	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	3	—	—
Total		3	—	—	—	6	24	—	—	—	9	—	—
Case Rate		0.118	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	0.235	0.942	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	0.353	Nil.	Nil.



# COMPARATIVE TABLE OF VITAL STATISTICS, 1946-1965

(The Birth Rate and Death Rate are shown corrected by the Registrar General's comparability factors of 0.99 and 1.27 respectively for 1965).

Year	Population Estimated	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Infantile Mortality
1946	24,990	23.4	11.1	46.1
1947	25,240	23.73	11.8	48.4
1948	25,710	22.09	9.95	45.75
1949	25,900	21.5	10.3	46.67
1950	25,990	19.12	10.65	42.25
1951	25,920	18.17	11.26	21.23
1952	25,660	17.73	10.65	26.03
1953	25,690	20.35	11.57	27.61
1954	25,650	18.64	12.3	20.7
1955	25,740	18.88	11.94	44.8
1956	25,940	19.39	12.57	27.56
1957	26,130	19.25	13.79	21.65
1958	26,320	20.8	14.16	25.32
1959	26,440	19.69	13.88	20.91
1960	26,410	18.07	13.75	20.20
1961	25,660	18.71	14.41	35.05
1962	25,630	19.12	15.07	22.22
1963	25,570	17.42	16.04	20.00
1964	25,470	17.90	12.86	15.1
1965	25,470	17.41	15.20	20.08

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE  
DURING 1965

CAUSE OF DEATH	SEX	Total All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS								
					1—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65—	75 and over
Tuberculosis, Respiratory .....	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach .....	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	1
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast .....	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus .....	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	6	4
	F	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	2	1
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia .....	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—
Diabetes .....	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	M	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	7	—
	F	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	10	11	—
Coronary Disease, Angina .....	M	48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	12	19	14	—
	F	31	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	4	15	9	—
Hypertension with Heart Disease ..	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Other Heart Disease .....	M	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	6	—
	F	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	13	—
Other Circulatory Disease .....	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Pneumonia .....	M	10	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	6	—
	F	15	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	3	8	—
Bronchitis .....	M	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	10	2	—
	F	7	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	1	—
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	7	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	5	1	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum ..	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis .....	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
Congenital Malformations .....	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	M	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—
	F	14	4	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	6	—
Motor Vehicle Accidents .....	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Other Accidents .....	M	7	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	2	2	—
	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2
Suicide .....	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
TOTAL—ALL CAUSES .....	M	162	3	—	—	1	4	10	34	61	48	—	—
	F	143	5	1	1	1	4	13	17	45	55	—	—
GRAND TOTAL .....		305	8	1	1	2	8	23	51	106	103	—	—



**Confirmed Cases of Infectious and other Notifiable Diseases, 1965**  
(other than Tuberculosis)

Numbers originally notified.	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Dysentery
<b>Total</b> ( <i>all ages</i> )	3	—	109	21
Under 1 yr.	—	—	4	1
1-2 years	—	—	12	1
2-3 years	—	—	28	2
3-4 years	—	—	20	3
4-5 years	1	—	21	—
5-9 years	1	—	23	5
10-14 years	1	—	—	3
15-24 years	—	—	—	1
25 and over	—	—	—	3
Age unknown	—	—	1	2
<b>Total</b> ( <i>all ages</i> )	3	—	109	21

## TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the new cases and deaths for the Urban District of Seaham during 1965 :—

Age Periods	NEW CASES				TOTAL DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1-4 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5-9 „ ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10-14 „ ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15-19 „ ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20-24 „ ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25-34 „ ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35-44 „ ...	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	—
45-54 „ ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55-64 „ ...	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 & upwards	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Totals ...	6	3	—	—	3	—	—	—

## SECTION III

### DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH & TETANUS IMMUNISATION

#### DIPHTHERIA (Either singly or in combination)

Ages at Date of Immunisation	Under 1 1965	1 to 4 1961-1964	5 to 14 1951-1960	Total
Primary Immunisations ...	112	195	21	328
Reinforcing Injections ... ..	—	78	110	188

#### WHOOPING COUGH (Either singly or in combination)

Ages at Date of Immunisation	Under 1 1965	1 to 4 1961-1964	5 to 14 1951-1960	Total
Primary Immunisations ...	112	193	11	316
Reinforcing Injections ... ..	—	77	30	107

#### TETANUS (Either singly or in combination)

Ages at Date of Immunisation	Under 1 1965	1 to 4 1961-1964	5-14 1951-1960	Total
Primary Immunisations ...	112	195	33	340
Reinforcing Injections ... ..	—	78	98	176

## SMALLPOX VACCINATION

There were no cases of smallpox in the District during 1965 and a table is given below showing the number and ages of children vaccinated during the year.

Ages at Date of Vaccination	Under 1	1	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Total
Vaccinated .....	25	92	9	4	5	135
Re-vaccinated .....	—	—	—	1	6	7

## B.C.G. VACCINATION—School Scheme (1965)

Total Skin Tested	Positive Reactors	Negative Reactors Given B.C.G.	No. absent at time of reading
749	80	615	52

## POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION, 1965

### (a) SALK

Those persons given a primary course of 2 injections of Salk vaccine :—

Persons born in year :—	1965	1964	1963	1962	1944-1961	1934-43	Others	Total
	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2

In addition 2 persons received a 3rd injection of Salk vaccine and none received a 4th injection.

### (b) ORAL

Those persons given a primary course of 3 doses of oral vaccine :—

Persons born in year:—	1965	1964	1963	1962	1944-61	1934-43	Others	Total
	9	114	38	17	20	—	6	204

In addition 27 persons received a 3rd dose of oral vaccine following 2 injections of salk, and 125 persons received a 4th dose of oral vaccine following 3 injections of Salk, or 3 doses of oral vaccine.



## SECTION 1V

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Before proceeding to report under the various headings in this section, it may be of interest to give details of some routine matters dealt with in the department during the year. In this sphere a high percentage of the work done arises from complaints made to the department either by personal visits, telephone or by post, and five hundred and ten such complaints were received. These related to nuisances, rats, mice, insect pests, stopped drains, house repairs, etc. Two hundred and thirteen council houses were inspected for evidence of vermin prior to tenants moving out, one hundred and six stopped drains in private houses were dealt with, and to help prevent the spread of communicable disease two hundred and sixty three stool specimens were collected and taken to the Public Health Laboratory at Sunderland for bacteriological investigation.

### HOUSING ACTS

#### Slum Clearance :

Further progress has been made in this programme. Although only a small area of four houses in Sophia Street (West Side) was represented during the year, there was in addition a local public enquiry in March concerning the represented properties in Caroline Street, Sophia Street (East Side), Viceroy Street, Herbert Terrace and Adolphus Street West, and an Inspector of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government visited Seaham in February to inspect the represented properties in Tempest Road and Vane Terrace. All the orders were subsequently confirmed without modification. The total number of houses represented in the area was 51, a further three houses were closed on orders made by the Council.

Although not represented by Clearance procedure, eighty prefabricated houses at Northlea were found to be unfit, due to deterioration of the main structure, and were demolished during the year. A further five houses in Clearance areas were also demolished.

#### Houses Erected :

The number of houses erected during 1965 was as follows :—

By the Council .....	69
Private Houses .....	3

## Improvement Grants :

	No. of Separate Houses	
	Discretionary Grant	Standard Grant
Applications submitted to L.A. ....	8	25
Applications rejected by L.A. ....	1	—
No. of applications approved since inception of scheme .....	626	138
Total number of grants paid since inception of scheme .....	594	119

## Reconditioning and Repairs :

Difficulty was found in securing the services of building tradesmen to carry out repair work on houses, due in the main, to more attractive work on new buildings. This resulted in a fall in the number of notices complied with. Details of which are as follows :—

Houses repaired by procedure under the Housing or Public Health Acts.

As a result of informal action .....	6
By owner as a result of statutory action ...	—
By Council in default .....	1

TOTAL ..... 7

## INSPECTION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES :

### Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

### Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

- (1) The number of food premises in the urban district remained about the same during the year, and the details required of each type of food premises, (circular 1/66 paragraph 8 (c) ), is as follows :—

Trade	No. of Premises	Reg. 16 Comply	Reg. 19 Applies	Reg. 19 Comply
Grocery—general .....	74	74	24	24
Butchery .....	18	18	18	17
Bakery .....	11	11	11	11
Confectionery (bread, cakes, sweets, etc.) .....	26	26	7	7
Fruiterer and Greengrocer	10	10	—	—
Fried Fish Shops .....	11	8	11	11
Wet Fish Shops .....	1	—	1	1
Canteens, Industrial .....	5	5	5	5
Cafes and Snack Bars .....	4	3	4	4
School Meals Kitchens .....	3	3	3	3
Chemists .....	6	6	6	5
Totals ...	169	164	90	88



**(2) Mobile Shops :**

These vehicles continue to play an active part in providing for the needs of residents who are not within easy reach of a shopping area, and in some instances have become remunerative additions of an established food business.

Although a high percentage of food sold from these vehicles is pre-packed or subject to some form of cooking before eating, it is a matter for regret that they do not have to conform to the same standard of hygiene as those required for fixed premises.

**(3) Registered Premises :**

The number of food premises registered under sections 16 to 18 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 at the end of the year was seventy and comprised the following : —

Premises registered for the manufacture, storage and sale of ice-cream .....	3
Premises registered for the sale of Ice-cream .....	50
Premises registered for the manufacture of sausages, etc. ....	17
Total	<hr/> 70 <hr/>

**(4) Food Sampling—Ice-Cream :**

Routine sampling of ice-cream continued throughout the year. These were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Sunderland for the Methylene blue reduction test and reports were as follows :—

Provisional Grading	Number of Samples
1	30
2	9
3	8
4	6

All six unsatisfactory samples were from ice-cream of local manufacture.

**Cafes, Canteens and School Kitchens :**

There was no change in the number of these food premises in the Urban District, all of which are operated in a clean and satisfactory manner. Details of these are contained in the list of food premises.

**Fish and Chip Shops :**

Once again there was no change in the number of food premises under this heading. The eleven shops appear to adequately cater for the needs of the district and there was no cause for complaint regarding the cleanliness of these premises.

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955—SECTION 2.

### Food not of the Nature, etc.,

Legal proceedings were taken under the above Section, against a Seaham general dealer for selling a fruit tart in a mouldy condition. A plea of “guilty” was entered and the defendant was fined £10, and two guineas costs.

## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

In submitting the narrative to the annual report under the above Act, it is pleasing to state that the Act has been generally well received and no instances of obstruction have been experienced.

The number of premises registered at the end of the year was one hundred and eighty seven, showing an increase of two on the previous year. There were eleven new registrations recorded, nine being from premises where there was a change of occupier, one new office and one new shop registration. Where contraventions of the Act and/or regulations are found during the course of inspections it is the practice as soon as possible after the inspection to send to the person responsible an informal notice containing the list of contraventions found, and requesting that attention be given to them without delay.

This approach usually had the desired effect of securing compliance with the requirements of the Act.

The number of general inspections carried out and an analysis of contraventions found during the course of the general inspections are as follows :—

### Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises—	Number of premises registered during the year	No. of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving general inspection during the year
Offices .....	1	28	14
Retail Shops .....	9	134	85
Wholesale shops, Warehouses .....	—	3	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens .....	1	22	4
Fuel Storage Depots .....	—	—	—
Totals .....	11	187	104



## Analysis of Contraventions :

Section	4—Cleanliness .....	27
„	5—Overcrowding .....	4
„	6—Temperature .....	39
„	7—Ventilation .....	30
„	8—Lighting .....	63
„	9—Sanitary Conveniences .....	34
„	10—Washing Facilities .....	20
„	11—Supply of drinking water .....	—
„	12—Accommodation for clothing .....	7
„	13—Sitting Facilities .....	12
„	14—Seats for Sedentary Workers .....	3
„	15—Eating Facilities .....	1
„	16—Floors, passages and stairs .....	20
„	17—Fencing of exposed parts of machinery ...	4
„	18—Protection of young persons .....	—
„	19—Training of persons working at dangerous machinery .....	—
„	23—Prohibition of heavy work .....	—
„	24—First-aid General Provisions .....	21
„	50—Abstract of the Act not exhibited .....	5

**Section 48**—Four accidents, three in retail shops and one in a catering establishment were notified, but as they were of a minor character, no action was taken.

## Section 50 and Information for Employees Regulations, 1965.

To ensure that occupiers of offices and shops were made aware of their obligations under the regulations to obtain and display copies of the abstract of the Act in a prominent position, a circular letter was sent out to all occupiers of the registered premises during the month of April. The effect of this has been that only five occupiers have been found not displaying the abstract since the regulations came into force.

## Exemptions :

No applications for exemptions under the Act were received during the year.

## Water :

Water throughout the area is supplied by the Sunderland and South Shields Water Company. All premises have a direct piped supply, but unfortunately there are still some houses, mainly in the Harbour area, where the only supply is a standpipe in the yard.

The water is hard, but is satisfactory both in quality and quantity. Samples are regularly taken by the Company and the Health Department and both bacteriological and chemical examinations have been satisfactory.

**Swimming Baths**

Although there are no public swimming baths, facilities are available for this form of recreation at the Seaham Harbour Swimming Club, Dawdon Colliery and the Grammar Technical School at Northlea.

**Rivers and Streams**

The two main streams in the area, which flow through Seaham Dene and Dawdon Dene respectively appear to be maintained in a satisfactory condition. No complaints of flooding or nuisance was reported during the year.

**Clean Air Act, 1956 :**

No provisions of this far seeing Act have yet been implemented in any part of the Urban District.

**Disinfection and Disinfestation :**

This service deals with the eradication of household pests and fumigation of rooms. Complaints and requests for this service, dealt with during the year were as follows :—

Bed Bugs .....	2	Cockroaches ..	136	Earwigs .....	6
Wasps .....	2	Fumigations ...	17		

**Rodent Control :**

**Surface Infestations :—** The following details are extracted from the Annual Report on Rodent Control which is submitted separately by the Department to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Complaints received :				
	Common Rat	Ship Rat	Mice	Total
Dwelling Houses .....	86	—	103	189
Business Premises .....	22	1	10	33
Council Properties .....	4	—	6	10
Totals .....	112	1	119	232
Properties surveyed additional to the above, i.e. in course of survey :—				
Dwelling Houses .....	12	—	7	19
Business Premises .....	14	—	2	16
Council Properties .....	3	—	—	3
Totals .....	29	—	9	38

The total number of inspections carried out, including re-inspections was 695.

## **Sewer Maintenance Treatments :**

Following the recommendations of the Ministry's Technical Officer, three treatments of the sewer manholes were carried out in April, July and November respectively. In the first treatment during the month of April, of 54 manholes which were baited, only two partial takes were recorded. For the second treatment in July 135 manholes were baited and three complete takes were recorded. The third treatment carried out during November revealed that of 27 manholes baited, 9 showed complete takes and 3, partial takes.

## **Factories :**

The number of factories registered at the end of the year was 53, comprising 47 powered factories and 6 non-powered factories. Two notifications of changes in the factory register were received from H.M. Inspector of Factories. Details of inspections, etc., are given in a table at the end of the report.

## **Cinemas and Halls :**

The decline of cinema-going due mainly to television has left the urban district with only one cinema regularly exhibiting films. Three former cinemas are now used for other purposes. No complaints were received during the year.

## **Pet Animals Act, 1951.**

One pet shop only is licenced under this Act and this appears to be conducted in a satisfactory manner.

## **Common Lodging Houses :**

There are no common lodging houses in the Urban District.



## SECTION V

### REFUSE DISPOSAL, SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND STREET CLEANSING

I am indebted to the Engineer and Surveyor for the following information on the above matters which are under his control.

#### **Sewage Disposal.**

No treatment is carried out to the sewage which, after collection, is discharged direct to the sea from three main outfalls.

#### **Refuse Collection and Disposal**

Collection is carried out by direct labour using specially constructed vehicles. Disposal is by controlled tipping on sites leased to the Council. During the year 10,809 tons, of house and trade refuse were collected and disposed of together with 117 tons, 11 cwts., 2 qrs. of waste paper; and 21 tons, 2 qrs., newsprint.

#### **Street Cleansing.**

By arrangement with Durham County Council, gullies on the County roads are cleansed by the staff of Seaham Urban District Council. During the year, 6,502 gullies were cleansed and flushed on U.D.C. highways and 4,115 on D.C.C. highways.

A mechanical roadsweeper is used for the cleansing of roads and streets.

## SECTION VI

### SEAHAM RIPARIAN HEALTH AUTHORITY

The amount of shipping entering the district during the year was as follows :—

	Number	Nett Register Tonnage
Foreign Ports .....	8	4,851
Home Ports .....	859	541,562
TOTAL .....	867	546,413

The principal imports continue to be timber, and the principal exports coal, spent-oxide, moulding sand and agricultural limestone. No passengers were carried on ships entering the port during the year, and no cases of infectious disease were notified.



# **FACTORIES ACT, 1961**

1.—**INSPECTIONS** for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of			Occupiers prosecuted (5)
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)		
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ..	6	—	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	47	8	—	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is en- forced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	3	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	56	8	—	—	—

## 2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)...	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	—	—	—	1	—
(a) Insufficient ...	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective...	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ...	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL...	—	—	—	1	—







